

The {Detroit Moms Blog} Summer Wish List

A list to do this summer to keep the kids busy in + around Metro~Detroit.....



.....In Your own backyard:

Get outdoors everyday the sun shines! {enjoy walks to the park, playing catch, climbing trees, pool time} * Do an outdoor project every week {garden, car wash/bike wash, sensory play, transform a garden bed into a play scape {pinterest idea!}, scavenger hunt} * Grow a garden * Can your fresh fruit u-pick * Learn to ride a bike * Make a giant bubble making experiment * Wash the car in the driveway * Have a water balloon fight * Fly a kite * Roast marshmallows + make s'mores * Collect cool rocks * Find a four-leaf clover * Visit relatives we don't see often * Do something nice for a neighbor * Make home-made ice cream * Eat dinner outside as a family * Host a backyard BBQ with friends * Make home-made popsicles * Build an outdoor fort * Show a movie outdoors with friends, set up the TV outside and have a movie night with popcorn + drinks * Watch the sunrise * Watch the sunset * Grill a pizza * Catch fire fly's + star gaze * Set up the tent on the deck and camp out * Engage the family in a pillow fight * Make a homemade photo booth * Play in the rain and jump in puddles * Make a banana split * Make fresh squeezed lemonade {bonus::let the kids have a lemonade stand!} * Tie -dye shirts * Attend a family reunion, make a family tree! * DIY twister in the yard * Build + watch a DIY herb garden grow * Movie marathon on a rainy day * Do a photo challenge * Run through the sprinklers * Try to fry an egg on the sidewalk * Do a progressive dinner with friends * Make an indoor fort and sleep under it with your kids * Hula hoop, hopscotch, jump rope, set up a maze, use sidewalk chalk, blow bubbles outside! * Sleep in!!! * Remember to relax too!!!! {bonus::have a media free day!}

.....In the City:

* Go to an outdoor concert * Attend a local fair * Visit the DIA {did you know that residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties can visit the museum and enjoy FREE admission?!} * Visit the Michigan Science Center * Visit the Detroit Eastern Market * Go to a Detroit Tigers Game {bonus::Complete with the whole family in Tigers gear.} * Do a scavenger hunt downtown * Try a new restaurant * Visit Belle Isle * Walk the RiverWalk, visit the new Splash Park * Bike the RiverWalk * Watch the Detroit Fireworks * Attend the Dream Cruise + admire all- American muscle * Eat from one of a Detroit Food Truck

.....In your neighborhood:

summer camps * Visit the Detroit Zoo -Royal Oak, Potter Park Zoo - Lansing or Great Lakes Zoological Society -Ann Arbor * Go to an outdoor concert {check out the zoo, Park It Family Fun Nights, Local Towns hosting free concerts include: Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Clarkston, Detroit, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Lake Orion, Milford, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Rochester, Royal Oak, Southfield, South Lyon, Waterford, West Bloomfield} * Go to an outdoor karaoke night! * Attend a local fair * Take advantage of the MAP {Michigan Activity Pass at our local library} * Visit a local farm {Dominos Petting Farm - Ann Arbor, Kensington Farm Center - Milford, Maybury Farm - Northville} * Take swim lessons * Go on play-dates with friends and family * Swim in a lake * Visit a farmers market * Watch fireworks * Go to a splash pad * Go to a pool * Take a long nature hike {create a scavenger hunt to use!} * Go to a drive-in movie theater {Ford Drive-In - Dearborn, Compuware Arena - Plymouth} * Play putt-putt, go go-carting, go to the hitting cages * Attend a local parade * Go fishing * Visit the library for reading time and other kids activities * Take golf lessons * Go on a picnic * Check out your local Home Depot or Lowes for free kids classes * Go on a paddle boat or take a boat ride * Skip rocks in a river * Try a new restaurant * Share a banana split * Visit The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village - Dearborn * Visit Crossroads Village + Huckleberry Railroad - Flint * Visit the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum - Ann Arbor * Walk through the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair - Ann Arbor * Walk through the Art in the Park {art fair} - Plymouth * Walk through Arts, Beats + Eats - Royal Oak * Make a sandcastle * Get creative paint pottery or paint a masterpiece! {Bee's Knee's - Northville, Creative Arts Studio - Royal Oak, The Painted Pot - Rochester, Pottery Creations - Wyandotte, Creatopia - Plymouth} or {Painting with a Twist - Farmington, Ferndale, Rochester Hills, Ann Arbor, Shelby Township} * Go on an early morning picnic {pack up breakfast burritos + keep them warm or stop at your local donut joint first!} * Stop at a local ice cream shop * Take dad a picnic lunch at work * Visit Calder Dairy + Farm - Carleton * Go to the movie theater * Go to the movie theater {look for Kids Bowl Free bowling alleys!} * Find a new playground you have never been to

.....In Northern Michigan / In the Country:

* summer camps * Take the kids camping overnight at a local campground * Visit northern Michigan and swim in the great lakes * U-Pick our own fruit and veggies * Visit a Michigan Lighthouse * Visit Mackinaw Island and cross the bridge * Visit a city in Michigan we have never been to, take a road trip * Visit a Michigan Winery * Check out the Cherry Festival in Traverse City * Fly a kite * Take a long nature hike * Go fishing * Collect cool rocks * Watch the sunrise * Watch the sunset * Catch fire fly's + star gaze * Go on a paddle boat or take a boat ride * Skip rocks in a river * Canoe or tube down a river * Make a sandcastle * Visit an indoor water park Kalahari - Ohio or Great Wolf Lodge - Michigan + Ohio